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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Golden State Water Company (U 133 W) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct and Operate a Water System in Sutter County, California; and to Establish Rates for Public Utility Water Service in Sutter County, California.

Application 06-05-034
(Filed May 31, 2006)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
DELAYING FILING OF PROTESTS UNTIL A PROPONENT'S
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT IS FILED**

On May 31, 2006, Golden State Water Company (Golden State) filed this application which, among other things, seeks to serve and establish rates for water service in Sutter County, California. Because this application will ultimately establish rates, Rule 24 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure apply. Rule 24 requires that Golden State provide notice of its proposed of its application in certain specified ways, including publishing notice in a newspaper of general circulation and through customer bill inserts. Because Golden State's application does not include a Proponent's Environmental Assessment, a necessary precursor to evaluating the merits of the proposed service, protests to the application are premature. Pursuant to Rule 44.1, protests are normally due 30 days after notice of an application first appears on the Commission's Daily Calendar (in this case, June 6, 2006).

By this ruling, I am notifying potential protestants that the 30-day clock for such filings will not be triggered until Golden State files its Proponent's Environmental Assessment.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that protests or responses to Application 06-05-034 are due 30 days after Golden State Water Compay files its Proponent's Environmental Assessment, pursuant to Rule 44.1.

Dated June 19, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ MICHELLE COOKE

Michelle Cooke
Administrative Law Judge

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Dated June 19, 2006, San Francisco, California.

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